

**REGULAR MEETING
HEALTH AND FAMILY COMMITTEE
August 18, 2008 @ 2:00 p.m.
Tribal Office Board Room**

1. CHAIRPERSON Lynette Miller called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. Roll call was taken with a quorum present. MEMBERS PRESENT: Lynnette Miller, Rebecca Alegria, Duane Waukau, Jerry Waukau and Darwin Dick. MEMBERS ABSENT: Mary Husby (excused), Eva Robinson (excused) and Shannon Wilber (excused). Also present: Gail Hanseter, Denise Pommer and Linda Peters, recorder.

2. Moment of Silence. A moment of silence was observed.

3. Approval of Minutes dated July 21, 2008

Motion made by Rebecca Alegria to approve the minutes dated July 21, 2008. Second was by Darwin Dick. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 3 for, 0 opposed, 1 abstention (D. Waukau) and 3 absent (Husby, Robinson and Wilber).

4. Health Administrator's Report/Jerry Waukau

OPTOMETRY

Jerry Waukau informed the committee that the clinic will now give the patient an exact figure of the amount for their eyewear and a new policy was added for non-natives using our Optometry Department and outside prescriptions.

Motion made by Rebecca Alegria to approve the updated Policy and Procedures for the Optometry Department. Second was by Darwin Dick. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 3 for, 0 opposed, 1 abstention (J. Waukau) and 3 absent (Husby, Robinson and Wilber).

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES AND DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES TRIBAL RELATIONS EDUCATIONAL SESSION

Jerry Waukau informed the committee that the Menominee Tribe will be the first Tribe in the State to host an educational session that will be held in Madison. The tentative schedule includes: Tribal sovereignty, Treaty Rights and Federal Trust Responsibilities; DHS-DCF Consultation Policies and the Causes, Effects and Potential Resolution to Health, Social and Economic disparities within Tribal Communities.

The educational session is scheduled for October 17, 2008.

COLLABORATION FOR KIDS TRAINING ON SEPTEMBER 17, 2008

Jerry Waukau extended an invitation to the Health Committee to this training session. This training is an extension from the Bridges of Poverty concept. Registration must be received by September 5, 2008.

MONTHLY REPORT

Jerry Waukau informed the committee that the clinic had informational booths at the Pow Wow and the first responder vehicles were there.

Rebecca Alegria questioned the health of the rice beds this year. Last year, the kids were not allowed to harvest the rice beds north of Rainbow Falls. Duane Waukau mentioned that the spraying in the forests should be followed up as well because this is berry picking season. Mrs. Alegria will contact Gary Schuettpelz.

5. Community Meeting Minutes.

ZOAR

Duane Waukau informed the committee that the children in the Zoar area do participate in the Recreation department activities but there is no place to post any notices. The Zoar Fire station use to have a place to post but that building is no longer available. A suggestion was to post at the Neopit Post Office or the Zoar Ceremonial Building. The community needs to designate a contact person for notification purposes. Lynnette Miller will look further into locating a contact person for Zoar.

MIDDLE VILLAGE

The community minutes read that the MV playground is inaccessible and dangerous. The children in the area can not get to it and because it is such poor condition, the children do not want to play there.

Duane Waukau stated that the Tribe has a five year Recreational Plan and for the past two year he has requested appropriations to comply with the plan but the Tribe does not have the money to give to his department. He also stated that all the playgrounds on the Reservation need to be fixed or torn down. Gary Schuettpelz did an audit on the playgrounds and the dangerous equipment. There have been syringe needles found on the playground and someone has nailed spikes into the slide upside down which could hurt the children. The committee agreed that something needs to be done before a child get hurt. Usually, once a child is hurt, then the community springs into action.

Motion made by Rebecca Alegria to send the issue of the Middle Village playground and other park areas to the Budget and Finance Committee for appropriations as recommended by Gary Schuettpelz in the Playground Audit because of the dangers it imposes to our children. Second was by Jerry Waukau. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 4 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions and 3 absent (Husby, Robinson and Wilber).

At the last community meeting, if an elder needed wood, they were referred to the Aging Department for assistance. This was not what the community requested. The request was to have the Tribe hire several individuals to go out and cut wood for our elders. Has the Tribe hired anyone to cut wood that can be distributed to the elders? The committee was informed that Menominee Tribal Enterprises donated two truckloads of wood and Aging staff cut it up and gave it to the elderly. The Aging Division is not equipped to hire additional help to cut wood and this was not the intent of the firewood program.

NEOPIT

The community was informed that there will be no financial assistance for the Elderly Christmas or summer picnic. Gail Hanseter informed the committee that there will be a Christmas Party. It will have to be scaled down but there will be some type of function.

Denise Pommer is the new Aging Director. She informed the committee that she has been on the job for only a week but noticed the lack of communication. She is going to talk to Menominee News and find out if they will re-devote a seniors' page, send out flyers and upgrade the existing newsletter.

The community reported that the current center is inadequate, not enough parking available; the ramp is too hard to get up; the road is icy during the winter and there is no circulation or screen on the doors. A survey was conducted if the seniors wanted to move to the Neopit Head start but there wasn't much participation. Tribal Administration was to compare costs to move the senior's to the Head start. Mrs. Pommer will also get a report to the committee on what the seniors actually want.

The community reported that meals are going out the back door but no one is saying anything in fear of retaliation. Because Title III funds are used, the recipients had to meet a certain criteria. If someone is not eligible, they have to pay. Mrs. Hanseter stated that at the Neopit Center, if there is food left over, the seniors are allowed to take this home. Lynnette Miller will find out further information and pass it on to the Aging Division.

6. Review Monthly Reports

Duane Waukau informed the committee that Team Wisconsin took home #10 place overall. We were awarded 2 gold medals, 4 silver and 2 bronze. A full report will be presented to the committee as an informational item next month.

The committee is unfamiliar on which departments actually report to the Committee. A checklist will be developed to monitor the reports that are received.

7. Other Business

Gail Hanseter informed the committee that the State required that some evidence-based prevention is added to the Plan. Falls prevention has been selected to add to the policy and procedures manual. She has been working in conjunction with the Tribal Clinic staff and Gary Schuettpelez and the policy has been submitted to Bay Area for concurrence.

Mrs. Hanseter will talk to Housing about the Zoar elderly unit about the ice buildup on the sidewalks.

8. Adjournment

Motion made by Jerry Waukau/Darwin Dick to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Linda Peters, recorder
Chairman's Office